

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th March 2020

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

The LCARC Rally will be held on Sunday the 15th March 2020, at the usual venue, the Radisson Hotel on the Ennis Road. Doors open at 11:00. Tables can be reserved by contacting Michael EI2IX at “michaelkingston /at/ eircom /dot/ net”. All are welcome.

LCARC participated in Engineers week on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March at the Shannon Aviation Museum. Thanks to a core of eight club members up to 300 pupils, from Clare & Limerick 5th & 6th Primary School classes, were treated to the fascinating world of Amateur Radio including demos of oscilloscopes, signal generators, crystal receivers and the physics of heat, light and sound. Under supervision, some pupils were able to go on air. The club call sign EI4LCR was aired on both days.

Lough Erne Rally

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club will host the Lough Erne Rally in the SHARE Centre, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday 7th June. Doors are open at 11.30, free parking, bar, cafe, cooked lunch, free tables for trade, special interest, shack clearance etc. Also RSGB sales stall. Bring-and-buy is free

All in hall pay same door fee £5.00 or €5.00. The raffle is included in the door entry price. SHARE is disability-friendly. Traditional strong attendance from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. For updates visit the club's web site www.learc.eu

EIDX Group

The EIDX Group will be meeting at Ballyhoura Luxury Hostel, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick on the weekend of March 14/15th. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact “ei6fr /at/ gofree /dot/ indigo /dot/ ie” or “ei9fbb /at/ gmail /dot/ com”

2020 activation of GB0GLS

Antrim & District Amateur Radio Society plan to reactivate GB0GLS for a fourth

year on the first Saturday in May, that is Saturday 2nd May 2020. Depending upon conditions they will operate on 80/40/20 and possibly 17 metres using both SSB and CW modes. There will also be limited 2m FM operation for local contacts. The club will be operating between 10:00 to 18:00 hours approximately. Frequencies: CW: 14.057+/- 7.026 +/- 3.556 +/- SSB: On multiple frequencies.

For CW the club will keep the exchange simple to encourage newcomers to the mode. Exchange will be callsign and RST NAME TU. They will be sending at around 20wpm, with adequate spacing.

Gilnahirk Listening Station

GB0GLS is a special event station to commemorate the role played by the work of the Radio Security Service in Northern Ireland during WWII, in particular Gilnahirk Listening Station which was manned by the civilian staff of the General Post Office (GPO). All are welcome to listen out for it and QSO with it on the air. Historical information will be available shortly on its QRZ page.

Turn the Bands Green

As part of the St Patricks weekend contest this year, members of the IECRO Ireland Radio Club will be taking part in the event. They will be operating on HF, VHF and UHF. Modes will include SSB, FM and even SSTV. For more information about how to QSO with these stations and the St Patricks event generally please visit www.myham.net/green

60m for Senegal

Yves F5PRU / 6W1TA in Senegal has been informed by ARTP, the Senegalese Telecom Regulatory Authority, that the new WRC-15 Amateur Secondary Allocation 5351.5 – 5366.5 kHz is now allowed in the country. The IARU Region1 bandplan should be used with a maximum power limit available of 15W EIRP.

Yves has been living in Senegal for 18 months. He is mainly QRV around 5354 kHz in CW mode and sometimes on 5357 kHz FT8 Mode. He lives near Dakar and although he suffers from QRM early evenings, this lessens later on in the night.

DX News

Nigel G3TXF will be in Mauritius until 27th March using the callsign 3B8XF. This is Nigel's fourth time to operate from Mauritius. He will take part in the BERU contest on 14th /15th March, and will concentrate on 80 and 160m during the remainder of his visit. QSLs go via Club Log OQRS and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

A multi-national DXpedition led by Rune LA7THA will be in Zambia until 15th March. They will use the callsign 9J2LA and be QRV on 160 – 6m on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSLs go via M0OXO OQRS.

David F8AAN will be active from Rodrigues Island as 3B9AN from 10th – 19th March. He will operate CW only on 80 – 17m. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Sven HB9DXB will be QRV from Vietnam during March signing XV9DXB. QSL manager is EB7DX.

IOTA chasers may be interested to know that members of the Russian Robinson Club plan a visit to Wellington Island (SA-032) off the coast of Chile from 12th – 16th March using the callsign XR8RRC. In addition with weather and transport permitting they may be able to spend up to 2 days on Riesco Island (SA-091) around 19th – 21st March on the way back to the mainland. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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